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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH AND INDIA EXCHANGE EASTERN WATERS PROPOSALS

- 1. ON MARCH 25 THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO BANGLADESH, K.P.S. MENON, PRESENTED THE INDIAN PROPOSAL FOR A LONG-TERM SOLUTION OF THE EASTERN WATERS QUESTION TO B.M. ABBAS, BANGLADESH ADVISOR FOR WATER RESOURCES. ABBAS IN TURN GAVE THE BDG'S PROPOSALS TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. THE TWO PLANS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN AN APRIL MEETING OF THE INDO-BANGLADESH JOINT RIVERS' COMMISSION IN NEW DELHI.
- 2. THE BANGLADESH PROPOSAL, AS EXPECTED, STRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF BUILDING A NUMBER OF RESERVOIRS IN THE UPPER GANGES SYSTEM, EITHER IN NEPAL OR IN INDIA. TWELVE POSSIBLE SITES WERE REPORTEDLY CONSIDERED. THE PROPOSAL CONCLUDES THAT THERE EXISTS SUFFICIENT WATER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHIN THE GANGES SYSTEM TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM WITHOUT BRINGING WATER FROM ARUNACHAL PRADESH STORAGE DAMS AND THE BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER VIA A LINK CANNAL, AS SUGGESTED IN THE INDIAN PLAN.
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